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VAUDEVILLE THEATRE A Slice of Fair Haven History

Fair Haven, NJ – The Twin Rivers of New Jersey and their neighboring communities have a storied history. Of equal historic note – and probably less known – is the history of what is now called The Shrewsbury River Yacht Club, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. Located on the Navesink River in Fair Haven, this boating club of 125 members started as The Player’s Club in 1910, founded by a group of New York Vaudevillians as a summer haunt to rehearse their acts and present some shows to the people of the community. The driving force behind the group was a gentleman named Tony Hunting, who served as “Commodore” from 1915 to 1935. Four years later, The Players Club officially became a boating club and named The Shrewsbury River Yacht Club (at that time the Navesink River was known as the North Shrewsbury River).

The spirit of Tony Hunting is alive and well at the SRYC today. The Yacht Club is in preparation to relive its past with a Vaudeville Show to be presented by its members in September. The show will include musical numbers of the Vaudeville genre, as well as dance and comedy skits. **It will be presented on Friday and Saturday, September 24 and 25 for members of the community as guests of the Club. It will begin each evening at 7:00 PM with refreshments available, followed by the show starting at 7:30 PM. Show tickets are \$10.00. Reservations can be made by calling 732-747-9873 and asking for Lee or leaving a message.**

This Vaudeville Show is as much a part of the history of Fair Haven and surrounding communities as it is of the Yacht Club itself. Vaudeville had a home here in the early years of the 20th Century, and as Tony Hunting says near the start of the show, “the performance represents the spirit and flavor of those days gone by – the days when show business was king and the players were royalty”! The Shrewsbury River Yacht Club hopes you will agree and join them as they present a little slice of area history.

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Organized in 1910 as the Players Boat Club
Celebrating 100th Anniversary